

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of REM et al.

Confirmation No. 9489

Application No. 10/549,493

Examiner:

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Group Art Unit:

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE SEPARATION OF PARTICLES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, or examination on the merits, please amend the application identified above as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.